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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Office of the Secretary  
Case Control Unit  
STB Finance Docket No. 34075  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20423-001

SUBJECT: Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments-Construction and Operation Exemption-Rail Line Between Juab and Salina  
Project No. 03-3583

Dear Mr. Higgins:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. The Department of Natural Resources sent you comments dated January 23, 2004. The Division of Water Quality comments:

The EIS proposed will consider and discuss 14 significant factors, including #3 Water Resources, and #14 Cumulative Impacts. In #3a Water Resources the EIS indicates description of impacts from the project on water resources will be described. But without specific reference to water quality, it is unclear if the EIS will adequately address project impacts to water quality resulting from :

A - erosion resulting from construction activity

B- alterations in sheet flow runoff resulting from the rail line intercepting slopes, and therefore increasing probabilities for concentrated flow and gullyng

C- Possible deposition of pollutants from construction activities and from operation of the railroad line and engines and cars upon it. These possible pollutants might include petrochemicals from fuels and lubricants, preservatives from railroad ties, human wastes, and of course all the possibilities from ground disturbance during construction.

It is essential that these factors be considered and included within the EIS to prevent or minimize all possible pollution to surface and groundwaters.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 538-5535 or myself at (801) 538-5559.

Sincerely,

John Harja  
Executive Director  
Resource Development Coordinating Committee